

exempt from duty personal and household effects brought into the United States under Government orders" (U. S. C., title 50 App., sec. 802), is hereby amended to read as follows: "This Act shall be effective with respect to articles entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after December 8, 1941, and before July 1, 1955."

56 Stat. 461.

SEC. 2. Paragraph (18) of subsection (a) of the first section of the Emergency Powers Continuation Act (Public Law 450, Eighty-second Congress) is hereby repealed.

66 Stat. 332.

Approved April 4, 1953.

## Public Law 21

## CHAPTER 25

## AN ACT

To amend title V of the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1953, so as to permit the continued use of appropriations thereunder to make payments to ARO, Incorporated, for operation of the Arnold Engineering Development Center after March 31, 1953.

April 13, 1953  
[H. R. 4130]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of title V of the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1953 (66 Stat. 530), as reads: "*Provided*, That no part of such appropriation shall be used to make any payment to ARO, Incorporated, for operation of the Arnold Engineering Development Center after March 31, 1953, unless Congress shall have directed otherwise", is hereby repealed.

ARO, Inc.

Approved April 13, 1953.

## Public Law 22

## CHAPTER 30

## AN ACT

To permit the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to establish daylight-saving time in the District.

April 28, 1953  
[S. 1419]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia is authorized to advance the standard time applicable to the District one hour for the period commencing not earlier than the last Sunday of April of each year and ending not later than the last Sunday of September of each year. Any such time established by the Commissioners under the authority of this Act shall, during the period of the year for which it is applicable, be the standard time for the District of Columbia.

Daylight-saving  
time, D.C.

Approved April 28, 1953.

## Public Law 23

## CHAPTER 31

## AN ACT

To amend and extend the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, and for other purposes.

April 30, 1953  
[H. R. 4507]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Housing and Rent Act of 1953".

Housing and Rent  
Act of 1953.

Veterans.  
66 Stat. 306.  
50 U S C app.  
1884.

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended—

(a) by striking out “1953” in subsection (e) of said section and inserting in lieu thereof “1954”; and

(b) by inserting after the words “veterans of World War II” wherever they appear in said section the words “and of the Korean conflict”.

61 Stat. 198.  
50 U S C app.  
1894.  
63 Stat. 22.

SEC. 3. Paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of section 204 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is repealed.

SEC. 4. Paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of section 204 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended by striking out “(whether or not under Federal rent control)” in the first sentence, and by striking out the second sentence.

Termination.  
66 Stat. 306.  
50 U S C app.  
1894.

SEC. 5. (a) Subsection (f) of section 204 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(5) (A) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (1) of this subsection—

“(i) the provisions of this title shall cease to be in effect at the close of July 31, 1953, in the areas described in subparagraph (1) (B) and (C) of this subsection in which maximum rents were in effect on April 30, 1953; and

“(ii) the provisions of this title shall cease to be in effect at the close of April 30, 1954, in any area which has been or is certified under subsection (1) of this section as a critical defense housing area.

“(B) Any such area which was certified as a critical defense housing area prior to the date of enactment of the Housing and Rent Act of 1953 shall be reviewed by the President in the light of the new criteria applicable to critical defense housing areas and shall be continued under control after such review (which must be concluded by July 31, 1953), only if, after such review and prior to such date, the President determines that such area meets the requirements for certification under section 204 (1) as amended by such Act, and publishes in the Federal Register notice that such determination has been made.”

66 Stat. 307.

(b) Paragraph (3) of subsection (f) of section 204 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended by striking out “(1)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(5)”.

66 Stat. 307.

(c) Paragraph (4) of subsection (f) of section 204 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended by striking out “(1) or (3)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(3) or (5)”.

Critical defense  
housing area.  
65 Stat. 145.  
50 U S C app.  
1894.

SEC. 6. The second sentence of subsection (1) of section 204 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended by striking out “without exception” and inserting in lieu thereof “except housing accommodations the construction of which was completed on or after February 1, 1947, or which are additional housing accommodations created by conversion on or after February 1, 1947”. The fourth sentence of such subsection is amended by striking out “subsection (e) or (j)” where it appears in the matter preceding the colon and inserting in lieu thereof “subsection (c), (e), or (j)”. The last sentence of such subsection is amended to read as follows: “No area shall be certified as a critical defense housing area under the authority granted in this subsection unless all the following conditions exist in such

area (except that clause (2) of this sentence shall not apply in any area in which is located an Atomic Energy Commission installation and the housing accommodations in such area are owned by the Federal Government; however, maximum rents under this title shall not apply to any such housing accommodations when sold by the Federal Government):

AEC installations.

"(1) A new plant or installation of the Department of Defense or the Atomic Energy Commission has been or is being provided, or an existing plant or installation of either of such agencies has been or is being reactivated or its operation substantially expanded;

"(2) Substantial in-migration of defense workers or military personnel is required to carry out activities at such plant or installation; and

"(3) A substantial shortage of housing required for such defense workers or military personnel exists which has resulted or threatens to result in excessive rent increases and which impedes or threatens to impede activities of such plant or installation."

SEC. 7. Section 204 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

50 USC app. 1894.

"(r) Regulations or orders under this title shall be subject to the same proceedings for protest and review as are provided for regulations or orders relating to price controls by sections 407 and 408 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and for such purpose such sections are hereby continued notwithstanding the provisions of section 717 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended."

Protest of orders, etc.

64 Stat. 807.  
50 USC app. 2107, 2108, 2166.  
Post, p. 131.

SEC. 8. Subsection (a) of section 208 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

61 Stat. 200.  
50 USC app. 1898.

"(a) The President shall administer the powers, duties, and functions conferred upon him by this Act through such officer or agency of the Government as he may designate. In accordance with the action taken by him pursuant to the preceding sentence, the President shall provide for appropriate transfers of records, property, necessary personnel, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds heretofore under the jurisdiction of, or available to, the Office of Rent Stabilization. Any employees of the Office of Rent Stabilization not so transferred shall, unless transferred to other positions in the Government, be separated from the service. The President shall make such provisions as he shall deem appropriate for the termination and liquidation of the affairs of the Office of Rent Stabilization, but such liquidation shall be accomplished no later than July 31, 1953. For the purpose of determining the status of employees transferred to an agency administering functions provided for in this Act, they shall be deemed to be transferred in connection with a transfer of functions."

Office of Rent Stabilization.  
Liquidation.

SEC. 9. Nothing in this Act or in the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, shall be construed to require any person to offer any housing accommodations for rent.

61 Stat. 193.  
50 USC app. 1881 note.

SEC. 10. The second sentence of section 203 of the Defense Production Act Amendments of 1952 is amended to read as follows: "Any committee so appointed shall consist, in addition to a chairman, of representatives of the Department of Defense and the Housing and Home Finance Agency."

66 Stat. 307.  
50 USC app. 1894a.

Approved April 30, 1953.